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**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

**Response to Amendment**

1. The amendment filed on 06/19/09 has been made of record and entered. Claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 6 & 7 have been amended.

Claims 1 & 3-9 remain pending in this application.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

**In the claim**

Claims 1, 3-5, & 9 have been canceled.

\*Note: the above claims are being canceled because the election on 11/09/09 was made without traverse and these claims do not contain allowable subject matter as recited in the allowed claims.

**Reasons for Allowance**

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not disclose or fairly suggest a method of preparing a purification catalyst for exhaust gas, which requires the process steps as set forth in claim 6 and in combination with the requirement that wherein the purification catalyst comprises a Pd oxide consisting of  $\text{Ln}_2\text{PdO}_4$  supported by  $\text{LnAlO}_3$ , wherein Ln is a rare-earth element.

There is no motivation to combine the teachings of the references together.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

**Conclusion**

4. Claims 1 & 3-9 were pending. Claims 1, 3-5, & 9 have now been canceled. Claims 6-8 remain pending and being allowed.

**Contacts**

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Primary Examiner CAM N. NGUYEN, whose telephone number is 571-272-1357. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM, at alternative work site.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stanley Silverman, can be reached on 571-272-1358. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-8300.

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